(c) the details of the LPG allocation originally proposed ro be made and sub-s.equenly enhanced for the State of Orissa, during the (1995-96) for the state of

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE' MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS:(CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) to (c) The demand of existing consitiifgrs of LPG in Orissa who are emolted with the disributors of pub-lie setcor oil companies is by and large being mat in fall-Temporary backlogs that thay arise are cleared by augmenting LPG supplies through operation of. Bottling Plants for extended hours and op holidays and by arranging supplies from botting plants in adjoining, areas. LPG is not an alloeated product and no advance allocation is made.

Refining capacity of Hindustan Petrolenm Corporation Ltd

4623. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

UD the States where Hindustan Petroleum Corposration Limited has set up its refmery projects;

..(b) .whether Hindustan Petroleum Gorporation. Limited has a proposal to *raise its refiaing capaci has a porposal to*

(c) if so, th© details of plans foi-tiiuia fed by HPCL?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT, SATISH SHARMA) (a) To (C)' Hindustan Petroleum Corpcuation Limited (HPCaL) has two existing fefineries; one al Bora-lay in Maharashtra with a capacity *of* 5.5 MMTPA and the othen at Visakh in Andhra Pradesh with a capacity of 45

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HPCL is setting up a new refinery at Mangalore as a joint Venture with M/s, Indian Ravon and Industries Ltd with a

HPCL has the follwing proposals for . Fapirig its refining capacity:-

(i) Ealiahcing the refining capacity of Visakh Refiiliery from 4.5 MMTFA fo 7.5MMTPA; and ′

(iii) Setting up of a new' refinfefy at Deogarb (Maharaditra) as a joint Ven-are *with* M/s Oman Oil' Company Limited with a capacity o£ 6. MMTPA. These proposals are at differet stages of processing,

Blocks offered for oil exploration

4624. SHRI T. VENKAT-RAM REDDY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM and'NATURAL GAS be' pleased to state:'

(a) whether Government have offered 34 blocks, 19 on-shore and 15 off shore. under the Eighth lOimd of bidding for oil exploration.

(b) if so; the blocks that have been offered to the foreign companies:

(c) the number of foreign companies which have agreed to explore oil: and

(d) the total areas provided to the foreign companies for oil exploration in the country?

* THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURA.S. GAS {CAPT SATISH SHARMA): (a) Yes, Sir,

(b) Foreign companies were free to bid for any of the 74 blocks put on offer.

(c) 6 foreign companies have Siubmitted their bids.

(d) No decision has been taken so far on the bids received under this round..

धानमगड़ी में तेल शोधक कारखाने की स्थापना करना

4625. श्रीमती सुषमा स्वराज :
श्री राम जेठमलानी :

क्या पट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि मद्रास रिफाइनरीज तथा इंडियन आयल कार-

पोरेशन ने मिल कर किसी विदेशी कंपनी के सहयोग से तमिलनाडु में पाननगुड़ी नामक स्थान पर एक तेल शोधक कारखाना स्थापित करने का निर्णय लिया है जिसमें विदेशी कच्चा तेल परिष्कृत कर पुनः विदेशों को ही निर्यात किया जाएगा;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में विस्तृत ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ग) क्या सरकार ने इस परियोजना के लाभकारी होने के संबंध में तथ्यों का पता लगाया है;

(घ) यदि हां, तो इस तेल शोधक कारखाने के विदेशी कच्चा तेल परिष्कृत कर विदेशों को ही पुनः निर्यात करने से इसके लाभकारी होने पर देश द्वारा कितनी विदेशी पूंजी अर्जित करने का लक्ष्य है; और

(ङ) उक्त तेल शोधक कारखाने के लाभकारी होने के संबंध में किस संस्था द्वारा प्रतिवेदन दिया गया था और इसके सदस्य कौन-कौन थे और इनकी इस मामले में विशेष योग्यताएं क्या-क्या हैं ?

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गस मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (कैप्टन सतीश शर्मा) : (क) से (ङ) मद्रास रिफाइनरीज लि० (एमआरएल) तथा इंडियन आयल कारपोरेशन लि० (आईओसी) ने तमिलनाडु में एक ईओयू रिफाइनरी स्थापित करने के लिए एक समझौता ज्ञापन पर हस्ताक्षर किए हैं तथा यदि इसे व्यवहार्य पाया जाता है तो इस प्रयोजन के लिए संयुक्त उद्यम का गठन किया जाएगा । आवश्यक अध्ययन चल रहे हैं । साध्यता अध्ययन को पूरा करने के बाद ही रिफाइनरी का विवरण ज्ञात हो सकेगा ।

Supply Of Safety Boots/Sboes in CLW

4626. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the CLW, Calcutta has been examining the cost details submitted by parties for supply of safety boots and shoes in response of CLW's tender.

(b) whether parties have brought down prices to the lowest side in order to compete with the tender pricing without carinig for the cost component;

(c) whether Govt. Undertakings have also submitted to the price biddings; and

(d) if so, the facts and details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. lAFFER SHARIEF): (a) and (bl The response against the Open Ten-der for Safety Shoes floated by CLW has been very good. The prices quoted are competitive and reasonable.

(c) and (d) Yas. Sir. Three Government Undertakings, namely. M/s. The State Trading Corporation of India Ltd., New Delhi, M|s. Sharmoshilpa, Calcutta and Ms. Bharat Leather Corporation Ltd., Agra have also quoted against this tendw.

Royalty Paid by M/s. Higgim Botbom Ltd.

4627. SHRI GAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state the details of amount paid as a royalty by M|s. Higgim Botham Ltd., the bookstall Contractors, Station-wise on the Southern and South Central Railways, month-wite and year-wise from 1st January 1988 to 31st December, 1991 and from 1st January 1992 to 31st December, 1994?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): Infor mation is being collected and will be laid on the Table Qf the Sabha.